



News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Ramseys do interview; promote book

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The parents of JonBenet Ramsey resent the Colorado governor and others who say the couple acted suspiciously after their 6-year-old daughter was killed in 1996.

In an interview with WSMV-TV to be aired over several nights starting today, John Ramsey said he was offended by the criticism.

"When you've lost a child, nothing else matters.... You're rendered as low as you can possibly be without dying," he said. "Our focus was laying JonBenet to rest properly and that's all that mattered during that time."

The Ramseys, who haven't spoken publicly in more than a year, gave the interview with the local television station to promote their new book, tentatively titled "The Death of Innocence." It is due out in March from Nashville-based Thomas Nelson Publishers.

"I don't know who will want to read it, but if they do, it's going to be there as best we can portray what we've been through in two and a half years," said Patsy Ramsey.

Rev. Jackson leads standoff in Illinois

DECATUR, Ill. — A standoff over the expulsion of six black students for fighting continued Sunday as the Rev. Jesse Jackson led a chanting group of some 2,000 people through the streets of this blue-collar town.

"Let it be clear," Jackson told the crowd before the afternoon march. "We'll be back again and again until our children are back in school."

"Too many children are being left behind — suspended, expelled, jailed," he continued, saying that the children in Decatur "deserve individual due process and not group justice or mob justice."

The marchers, many of whom came by the busload from out of the area, chanted, "Save the dream, save the children, reclaim the children," and "Leave no child behind, keep hope alive."

With that the throng began its slow march from the Decatur Civic Center to McArthur High School, singing "We Shall Overcome."

Jackson invited onlookers to join in the march, his latest effort to draw attention to the expulsions, which he considers unfairly harsh.

Ford shop target of anti-Clinton bomb

ATHENS, Greece — Police on Sunday detonated a homemade bomb left outside a Ford auto showroom in central Athens, the latest apparent anti-American attack by opponents of President Clinton's upcoming visit to Greece.

The device, which was left in a knapsack, was found after an anonymous warning call was placed to an Athens newspaper. The explosion damaged the entrance of the dealership and caused no injuries, police said.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, the sixth this month which authorities suspect may be linked to Clinton's Nov. 19-20 trip. Other targets included stores selling Nike sportswear and Levis jeans, other car dealerships and a U.S. cultural institute.

The bomb was made with about 2.2 pounds of dynamite and a crude time device.

SLC teen may face death penalty

SALT LAKE CITY — Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for an 18-year-old who allegedly fatally shot one teen and injured another in a gang dispute.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Dave Yocom said in his 30-year-career as a prosecutor, he has never sought the death penalty against someone so young.

Solomon Lee Johnson is the youngest person in Salt Lake County in 40 years to face a possible execution, Yocom said.

"This is a sad day in my life," Yocom said Friday. "It's tragic. But I hope violent young criminals, including gang members, will hear the message loud and clear."

Police say Johnson crashed a party that included members of a rival gang at the Lexington Park Apartments, early Nov. 6. Despite being told he was not welcome, Johnson allegedly forced his way into the apartment, fired three shots at point blank range, killing 16-year-old Wilber Canales. He then allegedly shot 18-year-old Alex Suaste Molina in the stomach.



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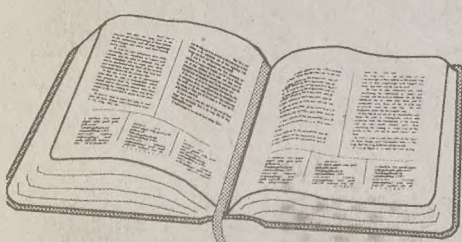
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Scripture of the Day

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

— James 1:22



Rebecca Spendlove, a math education major from Ventura, Calif., likes this scripture because "the gospel's worthless if we don't act upon it."

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delicate to understand the kind of social experimentation that some people advocate as population control. The family is the only social security many people will ever have. Between AIDS and population control, the giant continent of Africa is being slowly but surely emptied," he said.

"Attitudes toward human persons must be value-oriented. It must be understood that a human person is there, wherever he is, to love and to be loved and never to be used. If this attitude were present in every natural family, then every one of the fathers in our families, every mother, every son or daughter, would not only see himself or herself as a value, but he or she will be wholly and truly valued by all," Njue said.

"I am asking you that these three days be accompanied by sharing, because by sharing your own experiences you empower one another and you encourage one another, and in that way you save the families of one another," he said.

"Let us join together and show the world that there is a way to true peace, there is a way to true joy and that way is through the family."

Plenary sessions will begin today in the United Nations Geneva Headquarters, where experts on family topics will address the crisis facing society as anti-family lobbies become more organized and gain political clout in international policy-setting. A Declaration Committee will meet each day to draft a declaration to be presented before the U.N. Commission on Social Development in February, and a youth leadership track will provide youth ages 12-25 with exposure to family policy making.

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period after the student has graduated, discontinued or dropped below part-time status.

Unsubsidized, on the other hand, begin accruing interest upon the disbursement of funds.

Jenae Jory, a junior from Seattle, majoring in human development and an employee at the Financial Aid Office, said she always recommends the Financial Path to Graduation to students applying for either type of loan.

"If I had planned better in advance, I probably wouldn't have had to take out a loan," she said. The financial path process became mandatory in 1997.

Another employee, Paul Springer, a senior from Orem, majoring in marriage, family and human development, said he recommends students work while in school.

"Students take out more loan money than they need so they can live as kings and queens," Springer said.

"But when they graduate, they're forced to live as students for the next five to 10 years to pay off their loans."

"It seems that students are either really afraid of debt or they just keep borrowing," Gardiner said.

And they're better off to be really afraid, she said.

Former commissioner pleads no contest; blood tests released

Associated Press

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah — For months, prosecutors withheld the results of blood alcohol tests run on Utah County Commissioner David J. Gardner, who pleaded no contest Friday to charges of driving under the influence.

But as soon as Gardner entered his plea, Juab County Attorney David Leavitt released the files — and said it was their contradictory nature that forced him to accept the plea.

Leavitt agreed to hold Gardner's plea in abeyance, meaning the charge could be dropped provided the commissioner successfully completes a nine-month probationary period.

During that time, Gardner may not break any other laws, cannot consume alcohol and must continue alcohol counseling unless his therapist recommends he stop. He was also ordered to pay a court fee of \$300.

After Gardner signed the agreement, his left hand trembling slightly, Leavitt asked him to waive the privacy rights that kept the blood tests sealed since his arrest March 22.

Police say Gardner was driving drunk on a rural, south Utah County road when he veered into a field. They and fire officials say sparks from the car started a brush fire, which the commissioner tried to stomp out, burning his feet.

The no contest plea means Gardner does not dispute the facts presented by prosecutors, but he does not necessarily admit guilt.

In fact, Gardner has never recanted his story that a hitchhiker he picked up earlier in the day gave him a drink

of something that tasted like vodka — though he initially also said he spotted the hitchhiker driving and tried to pull his car as a firebreak.

Either way, the crucial blood tests all show a blood alcohol content between .099 — above the legal limit — and .159.

A urine test also revealed traces of tramadol, a prescription painkiller that can increase impairment when mixed with alcohol.

"I think he was drunk when he took the car to the County prosecutors to get it out of interest. "People who are inconsistent

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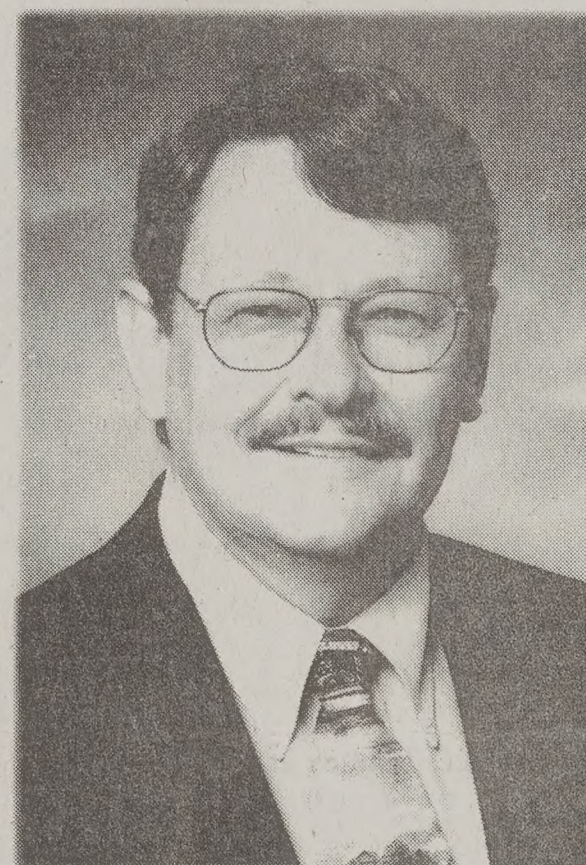
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Dr. Rulon Pope

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Dr. Rulon Pope, an Emmett, Idaho, native, graduated from BYU in economics and earned his doctorate in agricultural economics from the University of California at Berkeley. Before joining the BYU faculty, he was employed by the state of Illinois and taught at the University of California, Davis, and at Texas A&M University.

Professor Pope is a fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association and has earned a number of distin-

guished research awards from that association. He has been honored with the BYU's Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Award.

Brother Pope has served in bishop and on high councils and twice served as bishop of campus wards. He fulfilled a mission to the Great Lakes Mission and is currently an assistant priest quorum advisor in the Park Eighth Ward in Orem. He is married to Sue Davis Pope, and they have six children.

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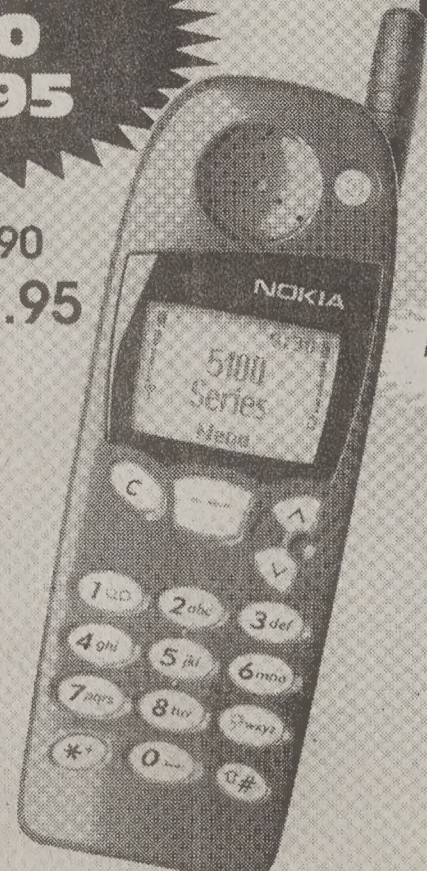
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World Congress calls for family activists

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Switzerland — Delegates received a crash course in family activism Sunday on the opening day of the World Congress of Families.

The conference, which is convening Wednesday, is attended by hundreds of international family rights advocates and diplomats, social scientists and family rights advocates gathered to discuss challenges and opportunities for families in the 21st century. But a large percentage of the attendees are family professionals, home-based students who have been involved in politics but are not yet involved.

They are because they caught the word after hearing leaders of the movement speak, because they were "compelled" to attend. For the first time, part of the conference is to mobilize a group of supporters and turn them into an army of activists.

And, then, the conference will have a leadership training session.

Network marketing may be risky business

motivation
work markets,
researcher says

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of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints dominates the network marketing industry, Jon M. Taylor, a multi-level researcher and contributor, said in a KBYU interview Tuesday.

Taylor said, no religious doctrine contradicts network marketing more than the LDS faith. He said the dichotomy as "the network marketing paradox."

off to The Definitive Guide to Multi-level Marketing's Top Multi-level Companies, which ranks second only to California in the number of MLM companies operating for the state—more than 100, in Illinois, and Texas.

Network marketing is a method of distribution where a parent company recruits representatives to sell its products. The sales representatives, in turn, recruit other sales representatives in a "downline" and receive a commission from their sales. MLM companies claim that their representatives are able to distribute products with very little investment. MLM companies claim that they can make millions without any education.

There is a very strong culture in the Mormon world. Downline, upline. The Mormon doctrine is our ancestry. The downline is our family kingdom. The ultimate network is the church," said Taylor. But the difference is money is your motivation instead of salvation.

greed and deception are the major factors that drive network marketing.

People are motivated by greed," said Taylor. "People would rally to get their downline to make money. You had a feeling of being people."

couldn't disagree more. Bradley, NuSkin's Chief Executive Officer, said highly

session.

"The purpose of the leadership training is to provide an opportunity for diverse people to come together, not necessarily just Americans and maybe hear things that they haven't heard before, to get the nuts and bolts of how to really

to be busy doing something, but we want them to be busy doing the right things, and it all begins at home and extends out from there," Mereau said.

"And if you can improve your own home then you can improve your neighborhood and then your community and then on up to every level of government," he said.

Working with the media was the first topic for training. Don Feder, a syndicated columnist with the Boston Herald and longtime supporter of pro-family legislation, gave a quick lesson in public relations from a media insider's perspective.

"Far more than our opponents, we have to work hard to get fair coverage, and even harder to get good coverage," Don Feder said.

Feder said that although most media practitioners have an intrinsic liberal bias, most will still attempt a fair representation especially if the argument is presented well. Feder gave tips on drafting press releases, hosting press conferences, writing publishable letters to the editor, becoming acquainted with local media outlets, and learning to complain creatively.

"As long as you sound impressive and can get the phone calls and a letter in, you'd be surprised how much a minority can do especially in the political process," said Doug Scott, president of anti-abortion lobby, Life Decisions International in Washington D.C., who spoke on the power of coalition forming.

"We all need to take a look at what's going on outside and speak up for what we believe. Family supporters are a majority, but the world doesn't know about it, and we need to speak up or this majority no longer exists," said Nina Madsen, from Riverton, Salt Lake County, who attended the conference with a friend.

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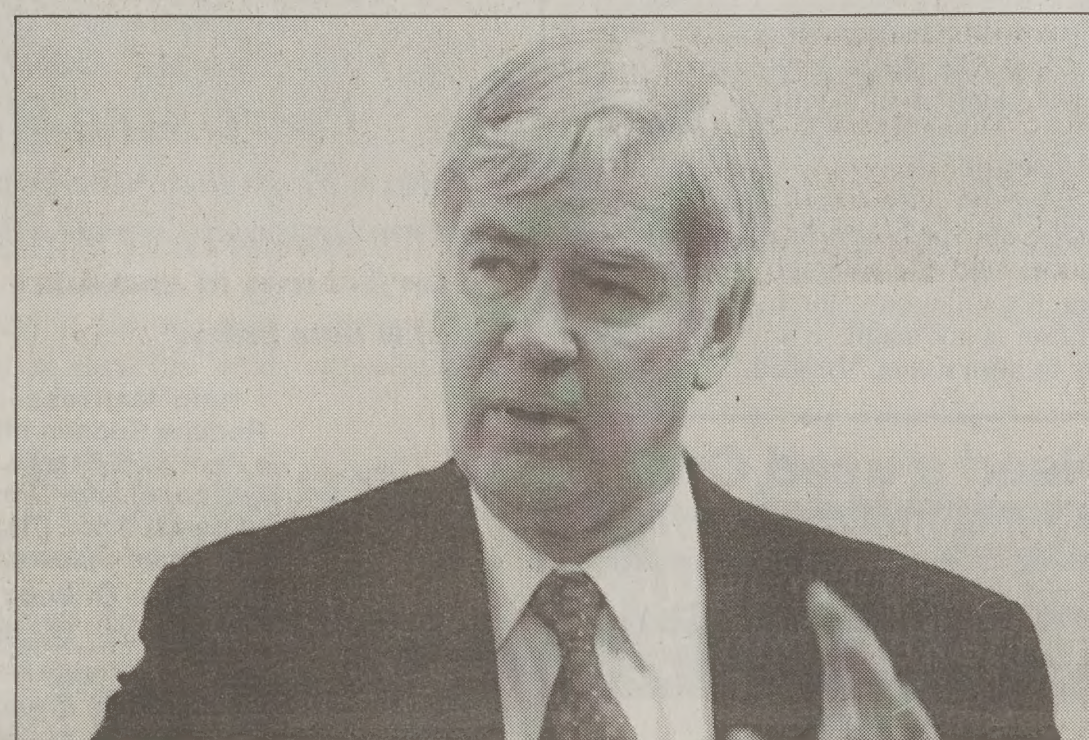
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organize themselves to protect and defend the family," said Paul Mereau, executive vice president of the Howard Center, one of the co-conveners of WCFII.

"We're trying to help them to further understand why they're doing what they're doing. Everybody wants



Brandon Arnold/Daily Universe

Jon M. Taylor addresses students and faculty at a symposium Friday. Taylor spoke on network marketing and the LDS culture.

respected companies, such as NuSkin, "provides opportunities to fulfill dreams." Such hopes are very important in the world today, he said.

NuSkin employs over 3,000 people and has nearly 500,000 distributors worldwide. Over the 15 years of its existence, Lindley said NuSkin has contributed to a large amount of charities and organizations in need.

Marketing professor at BYU's Marriott School of Business, Gary Rhodes, says network marketers really believe they are helping people. "They are very satisfied with what they do," Rhodes said. "The problem with most network marketing companies is they are not selling products, they are selling dreams."

Rhodes said it's a lot like selling cologne. "They sell the hope for romance."

Rhodes is also concerned about network marketers who use their church positions as an avenue to get into your home.

"The minute someone says the bishop is in this, or the stake president, grab your wallet," said Rhodes.

Enrich International's Executive Vice President, David Mastroianni, said the church provides distributors an opportunity to network.

"It's easier to recommend a product when there is such a high concentration of one religion," Mastroianni said. "You see them every week in church."

Dennis Lance, a former Amway distributor, said credibility is a huge selling bonus.

"People say, well if he is a bishop and he's involved," said Lance. "Maybe I ought to take a look."

Author warns of network marketing dangers, pitfalls

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Multi-level or network marketing is a growing business around the country. Meetings are held that introduce people to the company. They are told there is a lot of money to be made if they sell a certain amount of product or recruit so many people.

In a symposium on multi-level marketing Friday, Jon M. Taylor, Ph.D., author of "The Network Marketing Game: Gospel Perspectives on Multi-Level Marketing," discussed the dangers of network marketing companies.

Taylor said he has been opposed to network marketing all of his life and he decided to participate in one to find out for himself what it was like and to see if there were problems with products that consumers should know about.

He was involved for about a year. His wife saw some changes in him and didn't like it, he said.

She gave him material on the quest for wealth and what church leaders have to say about it. This helped him realize the problem with what he was doing, he said.

"The ethical compromises I had to make were unacceptable to me," he said.

Taylor said he found many conflicts between Book of Mormon teachings and what network marketing is based on.

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Doctors focus on latest eyecare

Laser eye surgery provides alternative to glasses, contacts

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People fed up with wearing glasses or contacts while working, driving or playing sports are considering laser eye surgery as an alternative. Others wanting to wake up in the morning and see clearly across the room are saying that's reason enough.

Phil Stahle, 24, said he started wearing glasses in ninth grade, but decided as a sophomore in college that getting rid of them was worth the cost and possible risks involved with laser eye surgery, commonly known as LASIK.

Stahle, a senior from Bountiful, majoring in public relations, was one of 120 million Americans with refractive disorders, which include nearsightedness. He said he had so much faith in his doctor and the surgery that he had both eyes operated on at the same time.

"I'd heard so many success stories, they outweighed the bad," he said.

Stahle said he's satisfied with the results of his surgery, which fixed his myopia and astigmatism.

"But I can say that because everything was fine for me," he said.

Ophthalmologists encourage their patients to research LASIK before deciding if it's right for them.

Dr. Todd Lewis of The Eye Institute of Utah said the biggest misconception people have is that they think they're going to be able to throw away their glasses forever.

Dr. Larry Noble, one of the first ophthalmologists to perform laser eye surgery, said prospective patients' generally regard LASIK as happily ever after, but said that's not always true. He said due to the variability of lasers and people's corneas, the procedure is neither perfect nor guaranteed.

Noble said prospective patients should understand the limitations of LASIK — that it's not for everyone and is not a cure-all. He said patients may still have to wear glasses after the procedure, and may need more than one surgery to get the best results.

Noble explained that around age 42 people generally start having trouble with their near vision due to presbyopia, a result of the eye's lens becoming less flexible with age.

He said older patients who get LASIK to improve their distance vision will need reading glasses after surgery.

"Unfortunately, that's when most patients can afford to get laser eye surgery — around age 40," he said.

Although some patients opt for monovision, correcting one eye for near and the other for distance, to avoid wearing glasses, Noble said he recommends correcting both eyes for distance, and wearing reading glasses. For most people, wearing reading glasses is more convenient than wearing bifocals, he said.

"If patients understand the limitations, then it's worth it to them," Noble said.

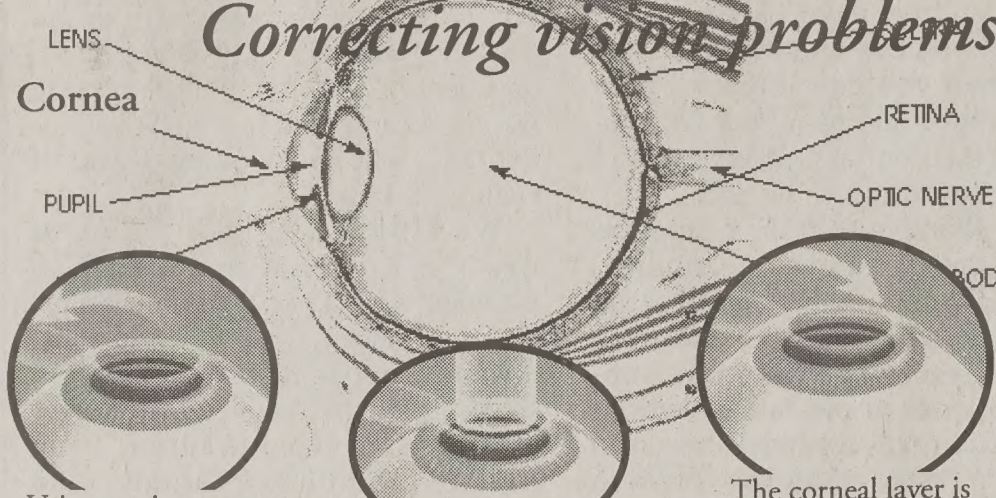
Tim Branscomb, 45, of Alpine, said he didn't understand all the limitations before he had LASIK at age 44. He said it improved his distance vision, but made his near vision twice as bad. He said even though he researched the surgery, he didn't realize that would be a result.

Branscomb said he didn't really need the surgery; he did it to encourage his wife who had been badly nearsighted since she was 12, but was too scared to have it done. He said she was happy with LASIK's results.

Branscomb's advice for people considering laser eye surgery is to read the information from their doctor twice.

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Laser surgery slow to evolve in U.S.

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Over the past 25 years, corrective eye surgery has evolved from radial keratotomy to laser assisted in-situ keratomileusis. Dr. Larry Noble, an ophthalmologist based in Provo, has seen this progression.

In 1980, he assisted Dr. Leo Borek, the co-ordinator of RK at a workshop he attended. In RK, incisions are made radially around the central cornea, which flattens as it heals.

Later that year, Noble was one of 20 ophthalmologists who went to Moscow, to learn RK from the other co-ordinator, Dr. Slava Fyodorov. When Noble returned to the States, he said he tried to convince others that it was viable.

"There was a huge outcry from other ophthalmologists not to do it," Noble said.

Noble, who traveled to Germany and South America to inform people about RK, said once people saw that it worked, it suddenly became the thing to do.

He said because the Food and Drug Administration is so slow to approve new procedures, many breakthroughs occurred in other countries. The first laser eye surgery was in 1988 in

Berlin.

Photo-refractive keratectomy, the first laser surgery, wasn't approved by the FDA until 1995. In PRK, the surgeon removes the top layer of the cornea and then uses a computer-controlled excimer laser to shape it by removing microscopic layers of tissue.

According to the Shepherd Eye Center's Web site at www.eyes.com, the excimer laser "gently breaks the molecular bonds between the cells so that controlled amounts of tissue can be literally vaporized away, one microscopic layer at a time."

Noble said even though it's a cold burn, it's still a blow torch.

"Laser is not magic. It's just another way to burn tissue," he said.

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Missions, transfers alter Y graduation rate

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Rarely in a college setting is 58 percent considered a stellar score. Such a percentage would cause well-meaning students to groan in defeat. But that's the athlete graduation rate that the National Collegiate Athletic Association is boasting as up from last year and as higher than the overall student body rate.

At BYU, which is among the Division I schools included in the statistics, the athlete graduation rate for 1998 shows a lower percentage than both the national average and BYU's collective student body.

According to an annual report released by the NCAA in late August, the rates for freshman athletes entering in 1992 who graduated within six years is 58 percent, while the overall student body during the same period posted a 56 percent graduation rate.

According to BYU statistics compiled by Institutional Analysis, BYU's 1992-1998 cohort of student-athletes finished with a 47 percent graduation rate. In contrast, the director estimated that BYU's total student body had a 67 percent graduation rate.

But what seems deficient on paper may, in reality, prove to be a stronger rate for BYU's athletic program.

Bruce Higley, director of Institutional Analysis at BYU, said people looking at these statistics need to remember that variables like missions and eligibility affect the results and don't give a clear view of the whole picture.

"People see these statistics and assume that something's wrong," Higley said.

But they have to consider all the dynamics at work."

One of those dynamics is LDS athletes choosing to interrupt their studies to serve a mission. Since only athletes who enroll as freshmen, receive sports-related financial aid and who graduate from that institution within six years of enrollment are tracked, the probability that returned missionaries will graduate in the six-year window are lower.

Add years of eligibility to the mix and prospects grow hazier: Athletes who serve missions (especially men, who usually depart after their freshman year) and who want to take advantage of their four-year eligibility don't have as much incentive to hurry and finish their studies in time to be included in the NCAA count. They are simply not counted at all.

"It's rare for students — even ones who aren't athletes — to come back from a mission and graduate within the six-year period," Higley said. "It depends on the timing of the mission call. Otherwise, they would have to go to school year-round and already have AP credit to finish on time."

In addition, students in good academic standing who transfer count against their freshman year school

and are not included in their new school's statistics. Athletes in this situation are counted as dropouts and never enter back into any statistic released to the public, Higley said.

So, student-athletes who come home from missions and graduate, but don't make the six-year cut-off date, are never included in NCAA graduation rates.

These, and other situations, make graduation rate results sensitive and volatile.

For example, the BYU athletic graduation rate for 1998 was 47 percent. Within that group, the basketball rate was only 33 percent.

But for the previous year, basketball's rate was 100 percent. Interestingly, the total athletic graduation rate for that year was 45 percent, lower than in 1998.

Higley said this shows the volatile nature of these year-to-year statistics. And when looking at statistics of individual sports, gender and race, the change appears even more inconsistent.

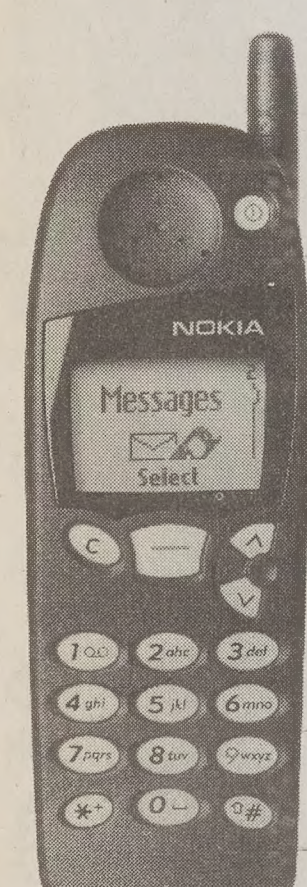
National analysts agree. Todd A. Petr, NCAA director of research, said in a news release that graduation rates for both student-athletes and the overall student body are essentially static.



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—Aaron Taylor,
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John Gholdston, managing director
of BYU Newsnet, said Taylor's polit-
ical cartooning contributions to
The Daily Universe while he
was at BYU were a great asset.

"Aaron
had a political
mind, he was a
good gag writer
and he could
illustrate,"
Gholdston said.
"That is a rare
mix, and it's not
often that you
find someone
who can do all of
that well."

Gholdston said he
is delighted to
find out Taylor's cartoon has been
syndicated and he is glad it is aimed
at a market that involves The Daily
Universe.

"It looks like a cartoon that every-
one — students, faculty and adminis-
tration — will all enjoy," he said.

Spencer Crittenden, 19, a freshman
from St. Charles, Ill. majoring in art,

said he is impressed at the impact
cartoonists can have on public opin-
ion.

"I never really thought about the
messages people like cartoonists can
send," Crittenden said. "I hope I can
find a way to influence the public
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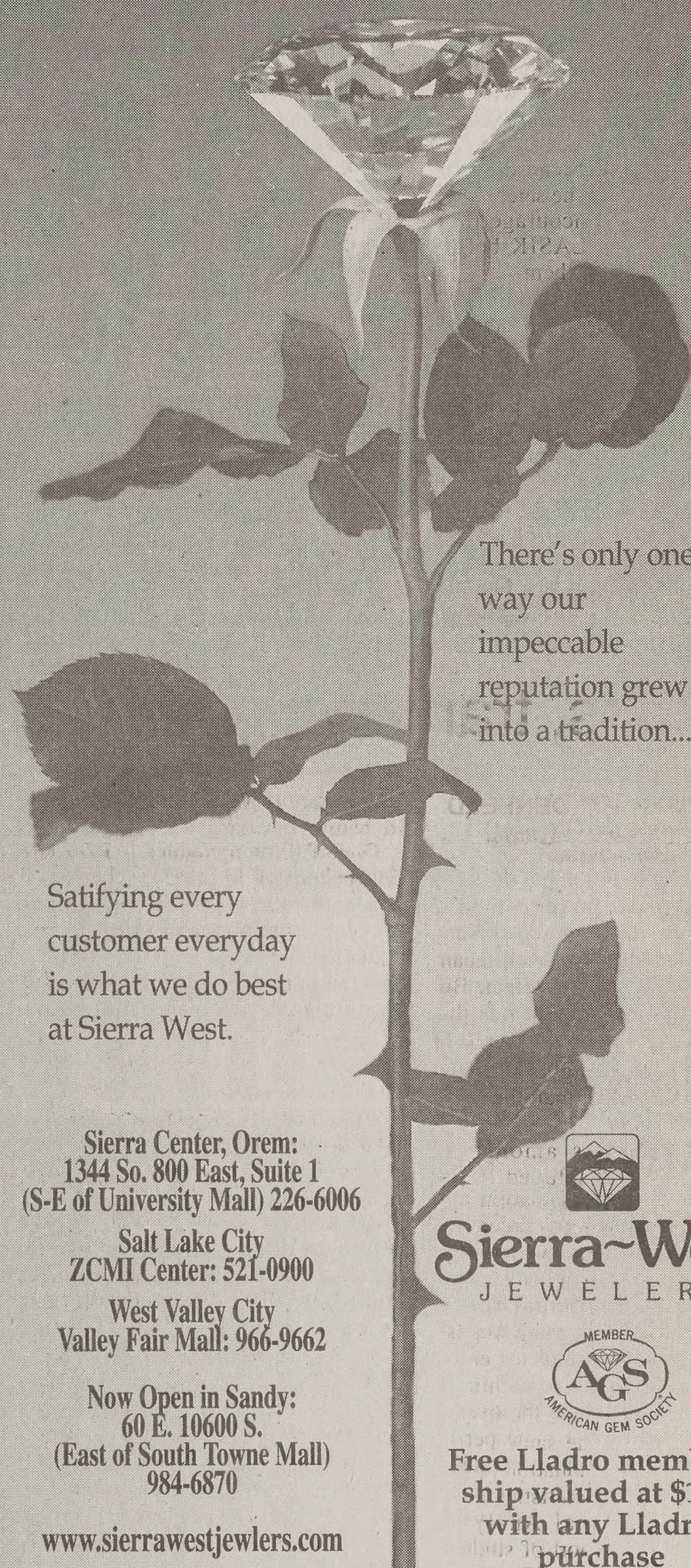
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Recycling activities spread awareness

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To help celebrate the third annual America Recycles Day, BYU grounds and Y-Recycle are sponsoring recycling activities to help students realize the importance of reusing their resources.

"We have the responsibility of cleaning up the earth," said Roy Peterman, director of grounds at BYU.

"Recycling is not a fad, it is a philosophy," Peterman said. He said it is a philosophy that has existed in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ever since the 1800s. Members went around collecting old rags and recycling them into pages for the Book of Mormon, he said.

BYU has continued the tradition of recycling as a responsible way to take care of the earth, Peterman said.

The BYU recycling program is one of the premier recycling facilities, Peterman said.

"It's one of the best in the world as an institution of its size," he said.

Peterman said the program teaches students that there are practical ways to implement the recycling and conservation program.

"They can learn recycling here and take it throughout the world," he said.

"The program not only generates funds for the university it also helps students refine themselves and helps them become beacons on the hill," Peterman said.

Peterman said the activities that BYU students can participate in today will hopefully heighten their awareness and increase their participation in the conservation and recycling program.



Jack Peterson/Daily Universe

A stack of used newspapers waits to be recycled. BYU will celebrate the third annual America

Recycles Day with activities for students. The goal is to increase recycling awareness.

BYU grounds and Y-Recycle are setting up three recycling activities for students, said Bill Rudy, recycling specialist for BYU grounds.

Rudy said the activities include a recycling sorting relay on the Brigham Quad and a recycling workshop in the Wilkinson Student Center. He said there will also be several displays around campus that show how much paper is recycled at BYU in the course of a week.

Facilities for recycling are available all around campus, Rudy said, students just need to utilize them. He said there are 2,500 recycling bins just on campus alone.

"I try to recycle, but only when it's most convenient," said Spencer Isaacson, 23, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering from Chandler, Ariz.

Rudy said he hopes the activities will make students realize that recycling

can be convenient and even fun.

"We hope they raise awareness of recycling on campus and that students will buy things that are recycled as well as recycle," Rudy said.

The recycling relay will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and students can win prizes that have been recycled, Rudy said.

The recycling workshop starts at 1 p.m. in room 3220 WSC.

Blood drive to benefit Leukemia battler

NewsNet Services

The BYU chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, a national health sciences organization, is sponsoring a blood drive Monday to benefit the daughter of a BYU health sciences professor.

Sauna Hullinger, the president of BYU's chapter, said the drive will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in 3228 WSC. The blood is being donated to Whitney Thygerson Harris, daughter of Dr. Alton Thygerson. Harris is battling leukemia and recently had a bone marrow transplant, Hullinger

said. Hullinger said the organization focuses on education, research and service.

She said this drive gives Eta Sigma Gamma an opportunity to help a family member who many others know.

Hullinger said the drive was a learning experience for students. "It's a way to educate about leukemia and the importance of donating blood to replenish the blood that are used to treat this disease," Hullinger said.

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Surveys say more classroom technology to come

By MEAGAN BRUNSON
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Recently conducted BYU Informational Technology Services (ITS) surveys found that BYU faculty is anticipating more technological use in the classroom.

Last January, after ITS was first created to handle BYU technology issues, it conducted surveys to find out BYU faculty's perception of classroom technology success.

This data was necessary for supporting changes that BYU technology will soon undergo, said Danny Olsen, BYU director of assessment.

ITS deals with issues about the data network, e-mail boxes, media resources in the classroom equipment and phone communication, said Blair Warner, customer services director of ITS.

"We were an organization concerned about the direction we needed to take," Warner said.

"We really did want to focus on meeting the needs of faculty."

One ITS survey addressed how BYU's current technological products and services are benefiting the classroom and what product/service improvements are needed in the future to advance higher education, Warner said.

"Reliability seemed to be an issue at that time, and it still is today," Warner said.

Most faculty rated overall classroom technology performance as good or very good although some technology problems exist, he said.

"Most had at least some occasional problems using technology in the classroom," Warner said.

In the survey, faculty expressed a need for more equipment, particularly

overhead projectors, more reliability of that equipment and faculty training for using classroom technology.

While faculty are looking forward to enhancing classroom discussion and more frequent interaction between professors and students, they are concerned that classroom technology could become a faddish entertainment for students rather than a learning tool, Warner said.

Technology services that were found to be used heavily across campus were all computer related. Web resources, class computer use, Powerpoint presentations and the data network were all part of these services.

ITS is developing a Web site to provide support information for faculty and outlining a catalogue of products and services available for classroom use. It also has a call center at 378-4000 to provide information.

Online classes declared successful

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The mid-semester report card for online semester courses is in, and it showed the courses have been successful and productive so far.

The informal report was presented at the Instructional Technology Conference last Thursday.

The report was presented by Scott Howell, director of the Center for Instructional Design.

The report showed that more than 90 percent of the students in every course have done some type of work or the classes, Howell said.

The most productive class was audio and speech-language pathology 33, with 63 of their 99 students on schedule with their work.

The least productive was organizational behavior 320, with only 1 student on schedule out of the 29 total.

A discussion panel was presented at the conference. It consisted of two online professors and two students taking an online course.

One of the students, Lance Toler, 19, a sophomore from Fresno, Calif., majoring in economics, said he is enjoying his organizational behavior 20 course and he is learning a lot from it.

"So far I've had a really great experience," Toler said.

"I really like the flexibility it gives me."

Both of the students on the panel said they felt they have learned more because they were not being spooned by the professor.

This information was developed from 11 focus groups, mid-term student questionnaires and from faculty feedback, said Trav Johnson, the faculty development coordinator for the faculty center.

This is the first time BYU has had a complete semester of online courses, Howell said. The first individual online course was started in September of 1997.

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STUDENT LIFE ACTIVITIES BULLETIN

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Blue & White Week

Monday, November 15

Family Home Evening

Tuesday, November 16

Economics professor Rulon D. Pope will speak at the Tuesday Devotional at 11 a.m. in the Marriott Center. Devotional will be broadcast live to the JSB Auditorium.

"Art, Belief and Meaning Seminar," 9 a.m. to noon, Museum of Art Auditorium. Free. Call 378-ARTS for more information.

"String Chamber Night," Madsen Recital Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Featuring a large variety of chamber music ensembles from early classical to late romantic composers. Free admission.

Wednesday, November 17

The BYU Wind Symphony will give a free performance at 7:30 p.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall, featuring guest soloist and BYU faculty member Ron Brough, along with the premiere performance of "Interior Windows" by BYU faculty member David Sargent.

"Art, Belief and Meaning Seminar," 9 a.m. to noon, Museum of Art Auditorium. Free. Call 378-ARTS for more information.

New Zealand Ambassador James Bolger will be the International Forum Series Speaker at noon in 238 Herald R. Clark Building.

"Leadership From the Ground Up: Teaming Up for the Year 2000," a telecommunication conference featuring Stephen R. Covey, Bill Gates, and Ted Turner, will begin at 8:45 a.m. in 2258 Conference Center. For more information call 378-4853.

Thursday, November 18

The Tongan Community Singers of Utah will be performing at the Museum of Art at 7 p.m. in the Leid Gallery, Level Three. Free admission.

The Brass Saxophone Chamber Night will offer a free performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall.

The Dancensemble Showcase will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in 166 Richards Building. Cost is \$3. For tickets or information call 378-3267.

The Student Leadership Seminar will convene at 11 a.m. in the Varsity Theatre. This week's speaker is Bill Hultstrom, local Director of the United Way, who will speak on the topic of "Servant Leadership."

Friday, November 19

Divine Comedy will present two shows at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. in 151 Tanner Building. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door. Presold tickets available in 3326B of the Wilkinson Center.

Women's Volleyball against Wyoming, 7 p.m., Smith Field House.

"Children of Eden," a musical play with music by Stephen Schwartz, composer of "Prince of Egypt," opens in the Pardoe Theatre and runs until Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for students and faculty. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 378-4322.

The Dancensemble Showcase will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in 166 Richards Building. Cost is \$3. For tickets or information call 378-3267.

The Jazz Ensemble will give a free performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall.

The Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus will join forces for an evening rich with more than 300 voices. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students and faculty. For more information or for tickets, call 378-4322.

Saturday, November 20

BYU FOOTBALL: BYU Cougars vs. University of Utah Utes, Cougar Stadium, 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball against Oklahoma City, 4:30 p.m. in Marriott Center.

Women's Volleyball against Colorado State, 5 p.m. in the Smith Field House.

Men's Basketball against UC Riverside, 7 p.m. in Marriott Center.

The Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus will join forces for an evening rich with more than 300 voices. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students and faculty. For more information or for tickets, call 378-4322.

The Folk Music Ensemble, traditional and contemporary folk music concert, 7:30 p.m., Madsen Recital Hall. General admission tickets are \$8, \$5 for students and faculty.

All Week

BYUSA's Project Uplift ends on Nov. 19. Pick up boxes to prepare Christmas packages for servicemen and women away from their families this season. Boxes are available at the Jacobsen Center for Service and Learning, 2330 W. Call 378-8923 for more info.

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Group effort brings BYU plays to life

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Carrie Kennington/Daily Universe

Dan Benedict, right, a senior from Boron, Calif. majoring in industrial design, and Nate Hale, a sophomore from Provo majoring in illustration, work to construct a set for the musical "Children of Eden."

The set designer works closely with a technical director, who in turn leads a team of craftspeople, said Randy Mugleston, technical director for "Children of Eden."

"I consider myself an artist because I have to translate mechanical elements into an artistic picture the audience will view."

-- Randy Mugleston, technical director

Mugleston examines the set design and plans how to construct it.

He begins his efforts about two months before a play opens. Among

his deliberations are what materials to use, how many man hours to allocate to individual projects, and whether a design can be realized given the budget, he said.

Once plans are set, Mugleston orders whatever materials he needs through an expeditor. Then his team of 15 workers spends four to five weeks carrying out his plans.

Costume creation constitutes another facet of the finished production. Searching the script and communicating with the director provide necessary background for designing costumes, said Janet Swenson, costume designer for "Children of Eden."

A costume team helps Swenson's designs become tangible. Emily Hoem, 23, a graduate student in theater design and technology from San Jose, Calif. is in charge of crafts for "Children of Eden."



Carrie Kennington/Daily Universe

Nate Hale sponge paints a board as part of the set for "Children of Eden." It takes a group effort to put on a play.

Crafts include parts of the costume other than the actual garments—including hats, shoes, gloves and embellishments to fabric, Hoem said.

Hoem has to interpret the renderings she is given to make the crafts that are needed for a show.

"Sometimes items look great in the shop but look different under the stage lights. We are constantly adjusting things," Hoem said.

From the broad plans of designers, to the specialized efforts of painters and carpenters, a BYU main stage play blends the efforts of dozens of individuals to create an enjoyable experience for audiences.

Y ranks high in Jeopardy

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BYU is the only university in Utah in the top 100 quartile on College Jeopardy Online, according to Nicole Opas, Marketing Coordinator for Sony Online Entertainment.

"BYU is 59th," Opas said. "That's 59th out of more than 4,000 schools."

College Jeopardy Online, www.collegejeopardy.com, tracks each university's scores throughout the semester.

The three highest ranked schools in the nation are awarded with a free movie screening. Also, individual prizes, such as Discmans or Walkmans, are given daily.

"Anyone can play, and every person playing helps their school," said Caren Piela, publicist for College Jeopardy Online. "The winning score for your school is cumulative, which means that the more students playing at your school, the better chance your school has of winning."

However, all jeopardy games must be completed by Dec. 6 for scores to be included in the Fall '99 ratings.

"It is easy to play," said Elneeta Timmons, College Jeopardy Online campus representative for BYU. "The questions are multiple choice, so often you can use the process of elimination."

But in case the process of elimination isn't your forte, don't worry. The school will not be penalized for negative scores.

"College Jeopardy Online is one of the most successful college programs on the Internet today," Piela said. "Over 100,000 students played last semester, and we're excited to beat this number this fall."

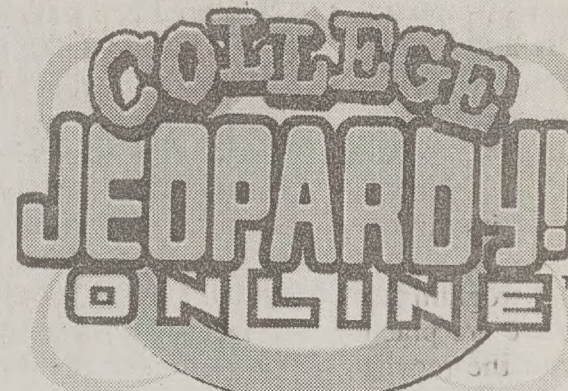
"Currently, there are over 350,000 individual students playing all over the country," Opas said.

But there are only about 1,000 students playing at BYU, according to Timmons who encourages more students to play.

College Jeopardy Online is a product of Sony. Sony began the online games because of the "growing interest with the Internet" and games," said Mary Mandler, representative for College Jeopardy Online.

"Sony is the leader in entertainment," Opas said. "They want to be the leader in online entertainment too, and online TV game shows is a way to provide entertainment outlets to everyone."

Sony also features other television online game shows such as "The Dating Game," "Trivial Pursuit," and "Wheel of Fortune." These games can be played by logging into www.station.sony.com. It is free to play, and there is unlimited play.



Student gets ready for Hollywood

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Sammie Markham works on his music. Markham, 24, a junior from Houston, Texas, majoring in media arts, makes movies and scores. This summer, Markham worked on movies in Los Angeles.

Source: angelfire.com/ut/steev-markham/front.html

Markham said he prefers small films because he is able to control and learn all aspects of film-making.

He said the script takes days to complete and his films' average cost is about \$200-\$300. Markham said his friends volunteer to be the cast in his films to keep the cost down. He said he can usually finish shooting in about 9 hours; however, the post-production part of the film takes days to complete.

"Sometimes I spend 8-10 hours a day on editing and I like doing it. I know if I have the knowledge of audio, visual, lightening, and all the aspects of film making, then I will do well in multi-media," Markham said.

"Another reason why I choose multi-media is because I can combine the three loves of my life, which are film,

computer and music," Markham said.

Even with Hollywood calling, Markham stays focused on his work here at BYU. Besides his studies, he is a teaching assistant for Larry Gale, a theater and media arts professor.

"Sammie is a hard-working employee who over commits himself because he is interested in many things. He is making his style in films," Gale said.

As to his next project, Markham wants to do a film on a subject that he knows well: his own life.

"My friend and I both think our lives are so crazy, so my next film project will just be interesting things that happen to us," Markham said.

The planned title of the film is "The Amazing Adventure of Sammie and Travis."

Couple tries new defense for debt suit

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. - When Norman and Melissa Cameron were accused of defaulting on a \$54,000 mortgage debt, they appealed to a higher power. Now they may have to appeal to a higher court.

A judge has ruled against the Windsor couple, who claimed God had forgiven them their debts.

The Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae, filed a foreclosure lawsuit against the Camerons in an attempt to recover the \$54,000 mortgage debt.

"It was our desire to be free from this mortgage debt," the couple said in July, in response to the lawsuit. "Therefore we asked God our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ. He heard us and he freed us from this mortgage bondage."

Judge Samuel Freed last week disagreed, and approved Fannie Mae's request to foreclose on the property based on the Camerons' failing to make the monthly \$425 loan payments since April.

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EGGTON — Food labels listing a little-known but nasty fat called trans fat under the heading "Saturated Fat" by the Food Administration.

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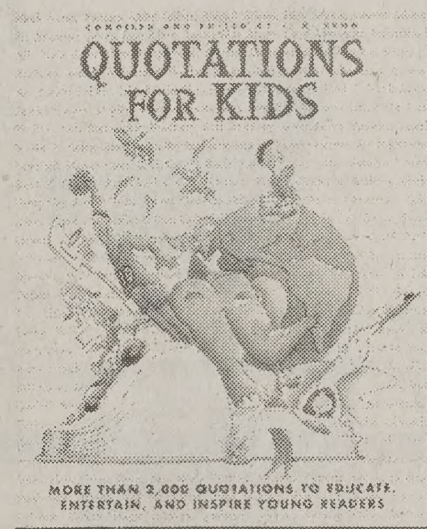
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Winter camping in 'tents' experience

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Many who have never tried winter camping likely think it's about as fun as stalling a Yugo on I-15 halfway between Panguitch and Henrieville. But, it doesn't have to be that way. With the right skills and knowledge, camping can be even more fun in the snow than in the weltering heat.

Dave Webb, BYU's WSC Recreational Services Manager and avid wintertime camper, says being informed and prepared is all it takes to get into this intriguing pastime.

"It's another flavor of camping to enjoy," Webb says. "And once you learn how to do it, it can be as comfortable — or more comfortable — than summertime camping."

Webb says camping in the winter requires a higher level of preparation, not only in skills and knowledge, but in equipment, too. (For a list of some basic wintertime camping equipment to remember, see the following sidebar.)

According to Jared Carlow, coordinator of recreational services at BYU's Outdoors Unlimited, one of the big twists in the wintertime survival equation is the possibility of an avalanche — either while hiking or while at your camp site.

"When you're winter camping you want to be very careful where you camp," Carlow says. "Even if your camp site looks like it's in a good, flat area, it might be in the path of an avalanche."

Careful planning of hiking routes is an area Carlow says a lot of novice wintertime campers fall short on. He says a common mistake is to avoid travelling through trees and seek out open areas.

"You need to plan your route carefully," Carlow says. "Traveling where there are no trees can be more appealing, but often the reason there are no trees there is because avalanches happen there a lot."

Avalanche danger is nothing to take lightly. Webb, who lost a close friend to a Rock Canyon avalanche in the late '70s, cites Rock Canyon and Slate Canyon as two local areas

to watch out for. He says the best thing to do before planning a winter camping trip is to call Utah's Avalanche Forecast Center at 1-800-662-4140.

According to Princeton University's "Outdoor Action" Web site (www.princeton.edu/~tilde oa), besides cold and avalanche dangers, hazards associated with camping in the snow are steep, slippery slopes; thin ice or hidden snow caves; falling snow and ice and dehydration.

After preparing for such considerations comes the fun. Webb, who has enjoyed winter camping in Utah for decades, says one of his favorite local spots is Fairview Canyon, about 60 miles southeast of Provo.

"I like that area a lot because I can drive up and park my vehicle 10,000 feet in elevation, which guarantees me plenty of snow," Webb says. "That area is a mountainous plateau where I don't have to worry about avalanches. Plus, it's off a controlled state highway, so I don't have to worry about roadway maintenance or danger."

Besides Fairview Canyon, there are countless winter camping spots locally. Carlow's best suggestion is for would-be winter campers to consult some of the many available books and pamphlets that give more in-depth information on winter camping practices and good places to go locally. Such books and pamphlets are available from the library as well as local bookstores and sporting goods retailers.

WINTER CAMPING BASICS (This list is by no means meant to be a comprehensive reference.)

Clothing:

- Wool or pile Balaclava
- Ski or glacier goggles w/side screens
- Long underwear
- Wind/rain jacket w/hood
- Winter parka w/hood (synthetic fill w/nylon or Gore-tex shell)
- Wool, synthetic or pile mittens w/water-proof shell
- Heavy wool or pile pants or bibs
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- Vapor barrier socks
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Cigarette maker attacks movie

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Cigarette maker Brown & Williamson escalated its attacks against the Disney movie "The Insider" on Friday with a full-page newspaper ad saying the film about a tobacco industry whistle-blower maliciously distorts the truth.

The ad says the film falsely hints that B&W threatened the life of its former executive Jeffrey Wigand and suggests that Disney shareholders should demand an explanation for why the studio would "go to this extreme to sell more tickets."

"They said we committed a crime - threatening someone is criminal activity," said Mark Smith, a Brown & Williamson spokesman. "We're

very concerned about it. We're considering our options, in terms of lawsuit."

The film, released last week, focuses on Wigand and about his testimony within CBS over whether his "60 Minutes" story about how the tobacco industry manipulated nicotine levels was true or a lie. Wigand and others promoting the movie said.

The ad in Friday's Wall Street Journal was partly an attempt to counter appearances by Wigand and others promoting the movie. The other motive was to draw attention of Disney executives to the ignored Brown & Williamson attempt to get the script changed, said.

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Cowboys rope Cougs in Wyo.

By DAVE SELLERS
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Instead of dominating another conference opponent, BYU got a taste of its own medicine Saturday night as Wyoming pounded the Cougars 31-17 in Laramie.

BYU certainly had its chances to score against the Cowboys, but several key mistakes ultimately killed the Cougars.

First, Fahu Tahf fumbled the ball on the Wyoming 1-yard line with 8:18 to go in the first quarter. Then in the second quarter Kevin Feterik was picked off at the Cowboys' 3-yard line, ending another scoring opportunity. Finally, the normally sure-handed Ben Horton dropped a pass in the endzone with 4:48 left in the third that would have cut Wyoming's lead to three, but instead the Cougars had to settle for a field goal.

"Mistakes really knocked us down," said Margin Hooks, who caught seven passes for 143 yards and a touchdown. "You can't make mistakes in a game like this."

One player who didn't seem to make any mistakes was Wyoming quarterback Jay Stoner, who completed 21 of 31 passes for 297 yards and three touchdowns without an interception.

Stoner's 22-yard touchdown pass to Kofi Shuck with 12 seconds left in the third quarter gave Wyoming a 24-10 lead and broke the game open.

"We just went out and executed our game plan," Stoner said. "If you man up against our receivers you're going to pay."

"Mistakes really knocked us down. You can't make mistakes in a game like this."

—Margin Hooks,
wide receiver

BYU's defense couldn't stop any aspect of the Wyoming offensive attack, which piled up 173 rushing yards in addition to Stoner's stellar passing performance.

The Wyoming ground game was led by Tim Beasley, who rushed for 82 yards on 16 carries, including a 14-yard touchdown run with 9:12 remaining to give the Cowboys a commanding 31-10 lead.

"We came out feeling good but for whatever reason we couldn't seem to get a stop on defense," said defensive end Setema Gali. "The thing that hurt us most was we'd get them in third down and they'd always seem to get a first down."

Feterik completed 30 of 46 passes for 364 yards against the Cowboys, and while doing so moved ahead of Steve Sarkisian, Marc Wilson and Steve Young into fifth place on BYU's career passing list with 7,758 yards. Feterik also scored

on a one-yard quarterback sneak with 4:47 left, but it was too little, too late.

"We were just out of sync all night long," head coach LaVell Edwards said. "We just didn't execute and they came out and played extremely well."

The Cowboys set the tone early, scoring less than three minutes into the game on a 14-yard touchdown pass from Stoner to Wendell Montgomery. The pass was set up by the previous play when Beasley took a screen pass 44 yards on Wyoming's first play of the game.

With the win, the Cowboys keep their hope alive for a share of the conference championship. But BYU still controls its own destiny and can win the Mountain West title with a win against Utah on Saturday.

"We'll learn from this," Gali said. "We need to bounce back and show we're a championship team."



BYU tight end Tevita Ofahengaue leaps over a Wyoming defender during Saturday's 31-17 loss to the Cowboys. The loss dropped the Cougars to No. 19 in the polls.

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Daily Universe



BYU's Sara Reading is met by a San Diego State player during the MWC Championship Game on November 6. The Cougars were defeated Saturday 2-0 by Santa Clara in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Santa Clara ends Cougs tournament hopes again

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The Cougars' hopes of winning the NCAA Tournament were shattered when the women's soccer team fell 2-0 to Santa Clara on Saturday afternoon in California.

It was the Cougars' third loss in three years to Santa Clara in tournament play. BYU's season record now stands at 21-4, while Santa Clara's increased to 21-0.

Even though the Cougars lost, BYU head coach Jennifer Rockwood's thoughts were positive. In a news release, she said she was happy with the way her team played. She also said she was pleased with the team's overall success this season.

"We gave it everything we had and I'm very proud of our team and how we ended our season," she said.

Rockwood added that it was an honor to play against Santa Clara.

"They are extremely fast and they have great technical speed with the ball," she

said.

The Cougars tough defense was able to hold the Broncos to four shots on goal in the second half. Santa Clara's Mandy Clements scored both Bronco goals.

The Broncos advanced to the third round of the tournament where they will face UCLA.

The Bruins scored a 2-1 victory against San Diego in the fourth minute of overtime during their second-round match Saturday afternoon.

According to a news release, UCLA is excited to challenge Santa Clara as the underdog, much as the Cougars were.

"I like our role as the underdog. This team likes the role of hunting down rather than being hunted," said UCLA head coach Jillian Ellis.

The Cougars won't have the opportunity to hunt other teams down anymore this season, but Rockwood said they'll be ready for next year.

"We need to remember that we're still a young team, this being our fifth season and our third straight NCAA appearance," she said. "We'll be back next year."

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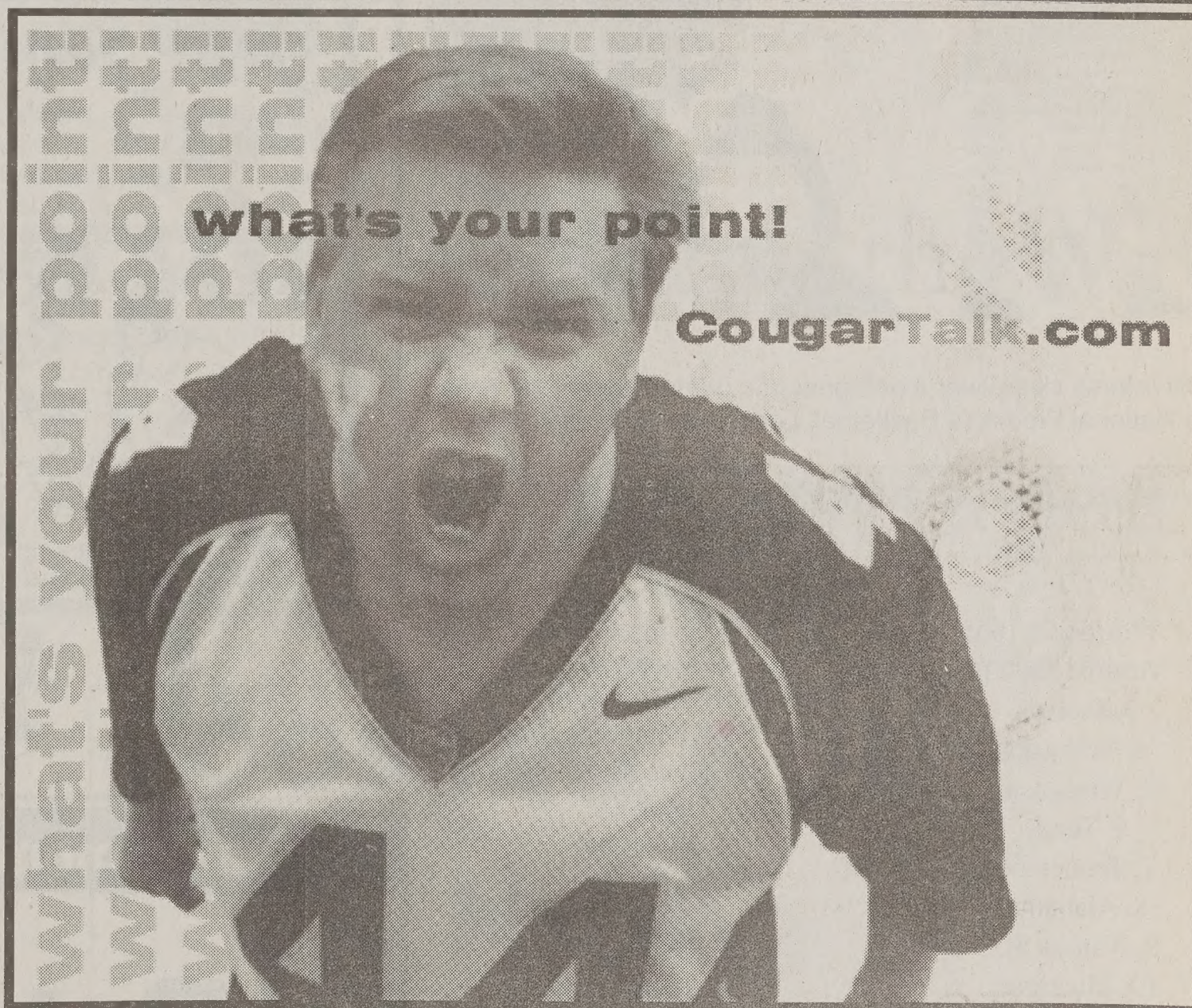
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Cougs spike Utes in 3-game sweep

By CHRISTINE JACKSON
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A crowd of 2,557 people had plenty of chances to yell "point Cougars" Friday as BYU's women's volleyball team defeated the University of Utah at the Smith Fieldhouse by scores of 15-7, 15-6 and 15-3.

BYU is now 22-3 overall and 11-1 in the Mountain West Conference. The loss brings Utah's record to 19-7 and 9-3 in conference.

BYU head coach Elaine Michaelis said she was happy with the team's performance.

"Utah is a fine team, and to play that well against that team is a real tribute to how hard the team has been working in practice," she said.

The Cougars started off strong and showed off their hitting power with a percentage of .333 in the first game while holding the Utes to a remarkably low percentage of .051.

The Cougars hit for .333 again in the second game and gained more momentum in the third game, hitting for .447. In all three matches BYU hit for .374 and Utah hit for .043.

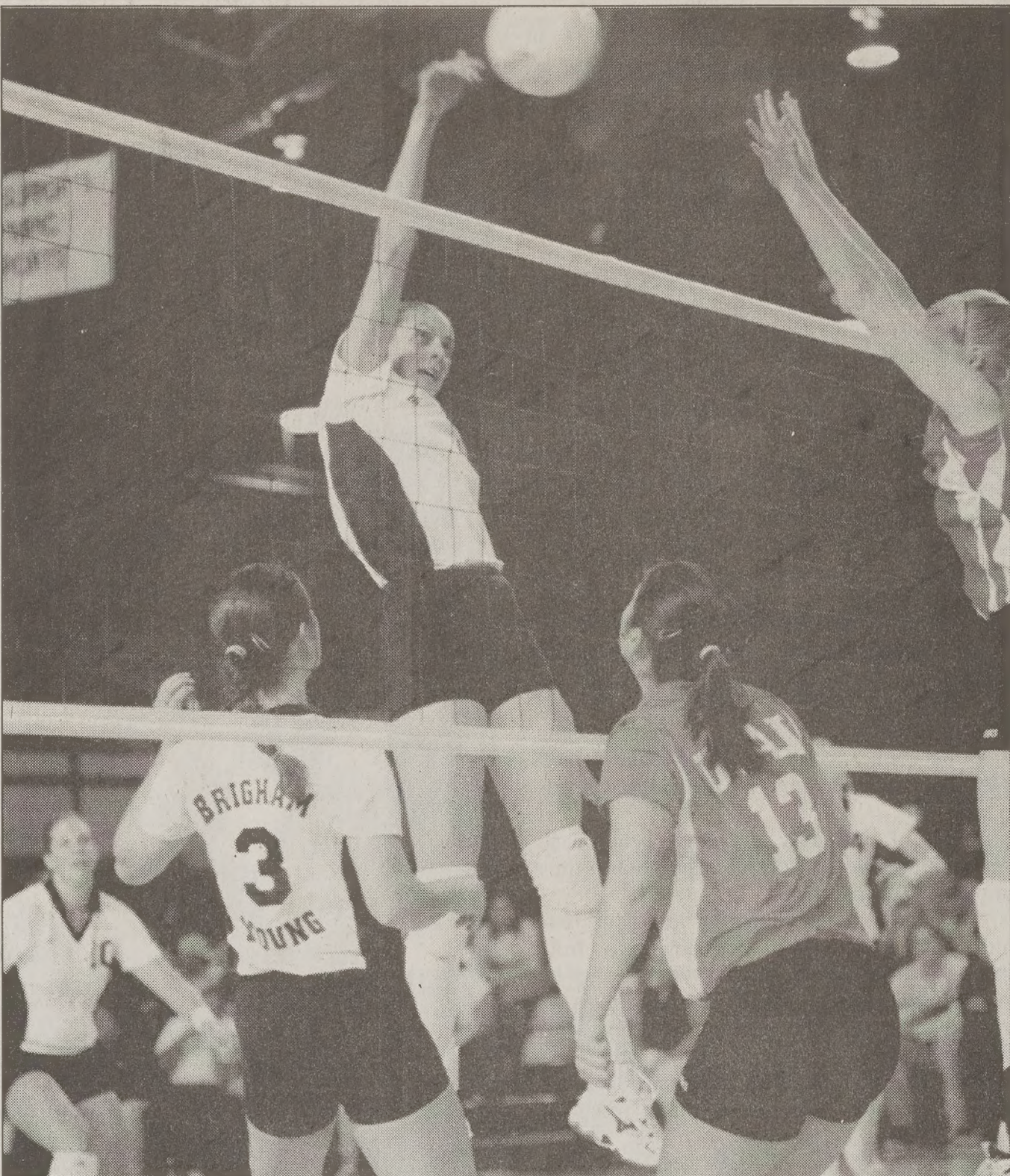
Nina Puikkonen continues to put the ball away like no other. She led the Cougars with 17 kills and a hitting percentage of .533. She has proved to be a vital part of the Cougar offense, and Utah coach Beth Launiere and her players agree that no one can stop her.

"She just hits over our block, even if we're in the right position," Launiere said. "BYU's bigger than us, and they take us right out of our game."

The performances of Mari Carpenter (10 kills, .421), Jackie Bundy (six kills, .455) and Caroline Bower (eight kills, .192) helped the team hit above .400. Carpenter has been resting the past two weeks and was in top form when she was in the game.

Setter Anna-Lena Smith contributed 40 assists and also led the defense with 10 digs. She had great timing and was able to find her hitters with the assists.

"I thought that we did a great job blocking," Smith said. "We were in a great place, so I think it really set up our defense, which really helps me a lot."



BYU's Nina Puikkonen slams a kill over a Ute player during the Cougars' three-game victory Friday at the Smith Fieldhouse. BYU will take on Colorado State on Saturday.

Jennifer Parrish/
Daily Universe

Smith and Puikkonen have been working on their rhythm, which has improved in their last couple of games and proved to be unstoppable to opponents.

"Me and Al are finally starting to connect," Puikkonen said.

Although the team struggled on serving, accumulating eight service aces and 21 service errors, Michaelis said that when they did serve well they took Utah out of the game.

"I don't understand how you can miss 14 serves in two games in our own gym where we practice every

day," she said. "But I felt that we served smart and kept them out of system with our serving."

Utah's top middle blocker, McKelle Stilson, was only able to record nine kills and a hitting percentage of .261. Jen Richards also added nine kills and Alissa Geddes had eight.

Utah played tough on defense and had 37 digs compared to BYU's 41. They were able to come up with digs against a lot of BYU's blocks. Geddes and Richards both had eight digs.

Setter Graciela Torres had seven

digs and contributed 25 assists for the night.

But the Utes started to struggle on defense in the third game, which ended with a nice Bundy-Bower block.

The Cougars always come out strong against Utah because they know they have to, according to coaches and players. Launiere said BYU never fails to play its best matches against Utah.

The Cougars are gearing up for a big match against conference rival Colorado State on Saturday.

Athletic director dealing with wrestling controversy

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BYU athletic director Val Hale talked in his office last week about broken dreams, frustrated parents and what has been the cause of both: proportionality.

After BYU decided it would squelch the wrestling program following the 2000 season to better appease equal-rights laws, Hale said he has regretfully had to answer why.

"I still get a lot of letters and calls from people who are concerned about it," Hale said.

"There are many LDS wrestlers around the country whose dream it has been to wrestle for BYU and now they have to pursue other options."

Hale stepped into the middle of the controversy in June after replacing former athletic director Rondo Fehlberg. The decision, which according to athletic administration was made ultimately by the BYU Board of Trustees, was made official in April. Hale said the university made the move in order to comply with a prong of the Title IX rule that levels equal gender rights in schools.

In comes the often misinterpreted word: proportionality.

"For example, if you have 53 percent females at your school, then 53 percent of the scholarships should be for females," Hale said. "We've made some really good strides in the last decade to meet this."

Because there is a national sided amount of men's sports programs at universities, the regular men's sports, such as wrestling, have become more of a special offering to Title IX.

"It's a problem if you're an Olympic-sport athlete,"

"The difficulty is that we have a university that is a national leader in sports, and we have to try to balance that with the national standards."

Two of the most vocal critics of the decision are the parents of two former BYU wrestlers. "We have a son who was a national champion in wrestling, and we have a daughter who was a national champion in wrestling," said one parent. "We are very disappointed in the decision."

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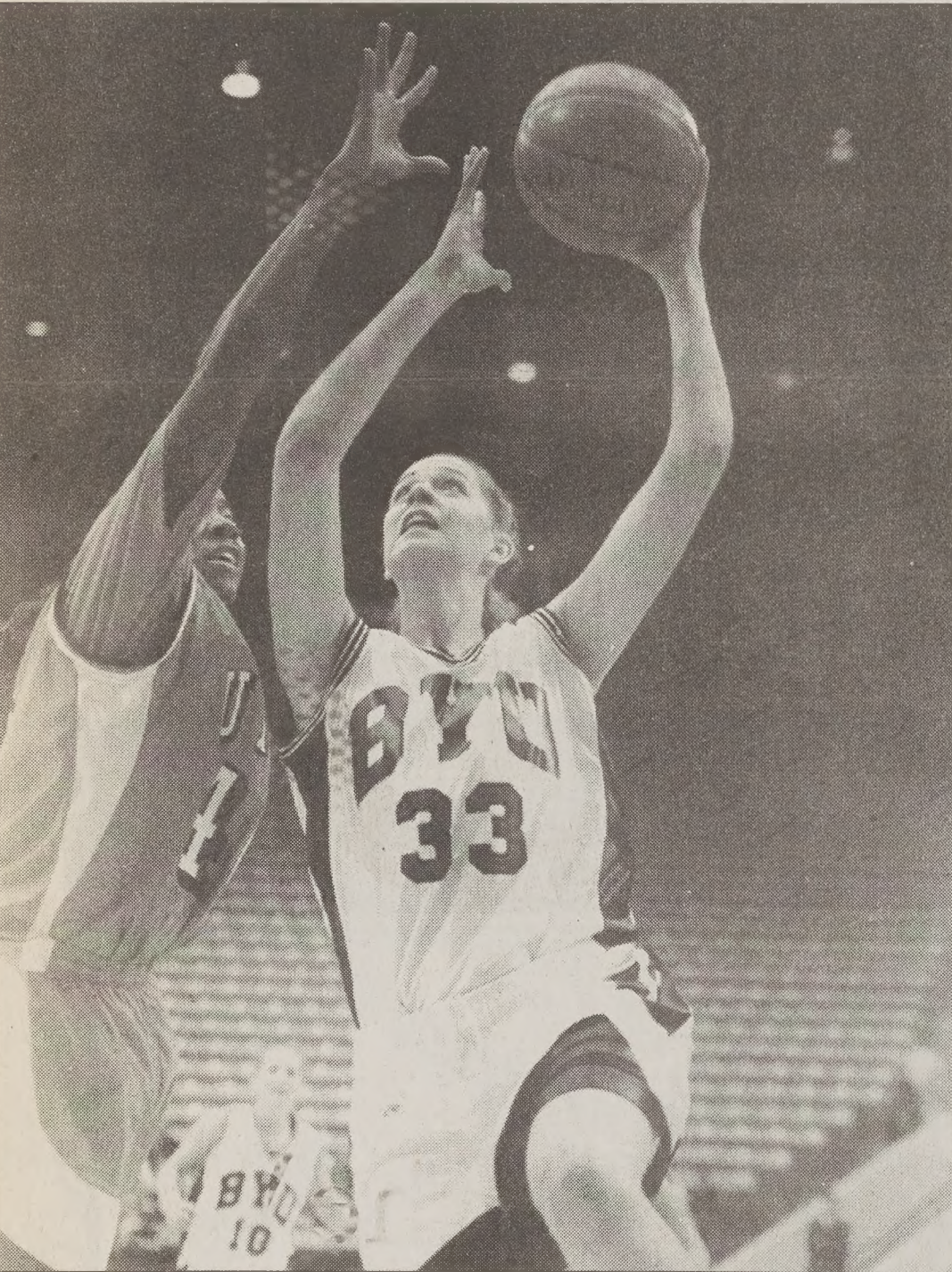
A myth that has spurred by wrestling supporters is that BYU is a private school and therefore does not need to conform to the same standards as public schools.

"That's incorrect," Hale said. "Because we receive federal aid through pell grants, we have to abide by Title IX."

Some still believe the decision can save the program by abiding by the rules.

The Utah Amateur Wrestling Foundation is a separate organization scrapping to raise money for the BYU wrestling program. A letter sent by the foundation's president, Ross Brunson, the day after the decision, said the foundation's \$1 million was set to be donated to the school by March 31 of next year.

"If they can raise that, the administration will review the decision to drop men's wrestling," Hale noted that nothing is certain.



File photo

BYU's Jill Adams skies over a defender in a game January 28. BYU beat the National Women's Basketball League on Saturday 77-57.

Cougar women down national team

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The Cougars pounded the National Women's Basketball League Team Elite 77-57 Saturday night at the Marriott Center.

National's team had no defense in the first half. Within the first 10 minutes BYU was up 25-12, including six three-point shots from the Cougars.

BYU head coach Trent Shippen said his team will benefit from its outside-shooting talent this season.

"We have really good outside shooting on our team. Any time you're shooting over 33 percent it's to your advantage," he said.

Adding to the team's advantage was senior center Jill Adams with 21 points.

Shippen also said he thought the offense got off to a better start in this game, compared to last week against Lokomotiv Bratislava. Forward Lisa Osguthorpe agreed.

"Our offense started out a lot better. We came out strong and ran it," she said.

But the defense wasn't at the same level at the beginning of the game.

"Our defense dropped a little in the first half," Shippen said.

In the second half, BYU picked up some speed, which hindered the team more than helping it.

"We started playing a little bit of their game towards the end. But we scored best when we played our game and slowed it down," Osguthorpe said.

In the second half, BYU scored 33 points with National right behind it with 28. Adams finished the night with five three-pointers.

Freshman guard Erin Thorn said she has been pleased with the team's overall performance in its last two exhibition games.

"We think we have a shot at the title," she said.

The most highly recruited freshman also said she's happy with the playing time she's received.

"It feels good," Thorn said. "I came in not knowing what to expect. I'm getting used to the system."

Thorn had 10 points, including two three-pointers, in Saturday night's game.

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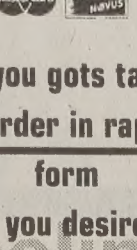
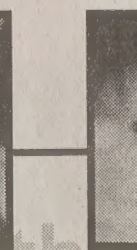
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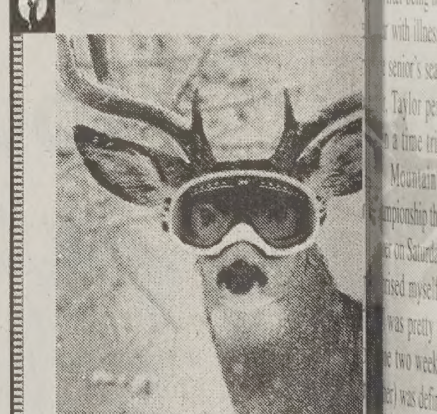
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—Patrick Shane, head coach

Shane said. "Even 20 seconds is excellent." The women's team finished 20 points, easily beating 4 Colorado, which finished 61 points. Sharolyn the first Cougar to the finish line with a time of 17:03. She was followed by the Mountain West Athlete of the Year, Susan Taylor, Tara and Kara Ormond rounded out the top five. Kara Wheeler won the race with a time of 16:39. Wheeler is a senior and will be competing for the NCAA title this year.

ne strategy to run as a team designed to help the runners conserve energy, it was the key to their strong

tle nervous going into the race, Shane said. "The synergy between the runners really pulled me

surprise of the day was the place finish of senior Kara Wheeler, who ran her first race in 1998. After being hampered by illness, it was the senior's season was over. Taylor performed well in a time trial right before the Mountain West championship that Shane had her on Saturday. "I was pretty sure my team would win today," she said. "I was pretty sure my team would win today."

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on for the Cougars this year, a position they held for two years ago when they won the national championship. Last year, they were ranked No. 1 in the national championship race and finished in second place.

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It had peaked any better. "Today we were away from a perfect



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Two BYU cross country runners round the track during Saturday's Mountain Regional in Fort Collins, Colo. The women won the event while the men finished in third place.

Finish should be enough for NCAA tourney berth

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BYU's No. 12-ranked men's cross country team finished in third place at Saturday's Mountain Regional competition in Fort Collins, Colo. The finish should be enough to ensure the team a chance to compete for the national championship Nov. 22.

A second-place finish would have guaranteed a berth, but according to NCAA criteria, BYU is all but certain to receive one of 12 wildcard spots.

"I'm assuming we will go to the national championship," head coach Sherald James said. "There could be five teams from our district that go. If that's the case, we have to go."

Commenting on the men's performance, Patrick Shane, head coach of BYU's No. 3-ranked women's team, was even more certain of BYU's prospects of going to nationals. He said that, according to the criteria that is set up, they have to go.

Unranked Southern Utah stunned the 18-team field, beating out No. 3 Colorado for first place with 57 points.

"I think everyone in the nation is surprised (with

Southern Utah)," James said, "I don't question their performance, other people do. You can read between the lines."

Colorado finished with 61 points and BYU had 90 points. No. 14 Northern Arizona and No. 16 Weber State may also receive wildcard berths after finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Sophomore John Hedengren was once again BYU's top in fourth place with a time of 30:24.

Senior Randon Richards took 11th place. Dula Parkinson missed the Mountain West Conference Championship due to illness, but recovered in time for Saturday's race. Parkinson was BYU's third runner, finishing in the 21st spot. Senior Marc Lawson and freshman David Danley rounded out the top five, finishing 24th and 30th, respectively.

"Our intention was to qualify and not kill ourselves so that we can recuperate and go even harder at nationals," James said. "All of our runners can do better."

The race was the first 10-kilometer race of the season for the Cougars. The team must recuperate and prepare for another difficult 10-kilometer race at the NCAA championship in Bloomington, Ind.

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Grizz can't solve Houston, drop two over weekend

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The Utah Grizzlies dropped their second game in as many nights on Saturday, as the Houston Aeros defeated them by a score of 3-2 at the E Center.

The Aeros also defeated the Grizzlies on Friday night in Houston, sending the Grizzlies home with a 4-2 loss.

The losses mirrored each other with the Grizzlies getting the more shots on goal in each game, but not more pucks in the net. Near the end of the second period Saturday, the Grizzlies had tripled the Aeros in attempts but found themselves down 3-0. The Aeros converted close to one out of every three shots into a goal.

Bob Bourne, Utah Grizzlies head coach, said the Grizzlies are letting down for a couple of minutes and the opposing team is taking advantage of the opportunities during that time.

"We are not playing 60 minutes of hockey. We play very well and then we have a lapse for a few minutes and they capitalize on that lapse," Bourne said.

The Grizzlies had a challenge coming into the game in facing

Robert Esche, the Aeros goalie. Esche brought a 132:52-minute shutout into the game against the Grizzlies.

Sean Tallaire, right wing, scored the Grizzlies first goal of the night 15:20 into the second period. Esche had extended the length of scoreless hockey while he was in the net to 168:12 minutes before the Grizzlies finally found glory.

Within two minutes, the Grizzlies scored again to make Esche's next shutout streak last just 1:39. This time another Sean scored, Sean Penn. The goal was the left wing's first of the year and it brought the Grizzlies to within one at 3-2. Penn's goal came with three minutes left in the second period.

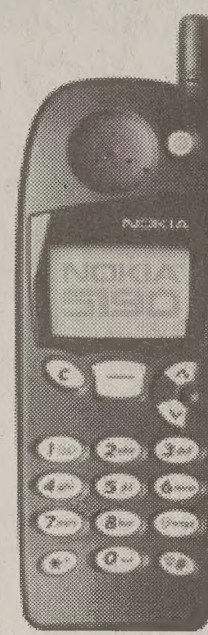
The two teams would play a scoreless third period ending the game.

Penn agreed with his coach on the lack of 60 minutes of focused play for the Grizzlies.

"We are falling short. I don't think we have played for 60 minutes once this year and then the few minutes that we get outplayed, they score a goal," Penn said. "Even with the talent we have on this team, we have to play for the entire game. This team will come together and we will be on fire at the end of the year."

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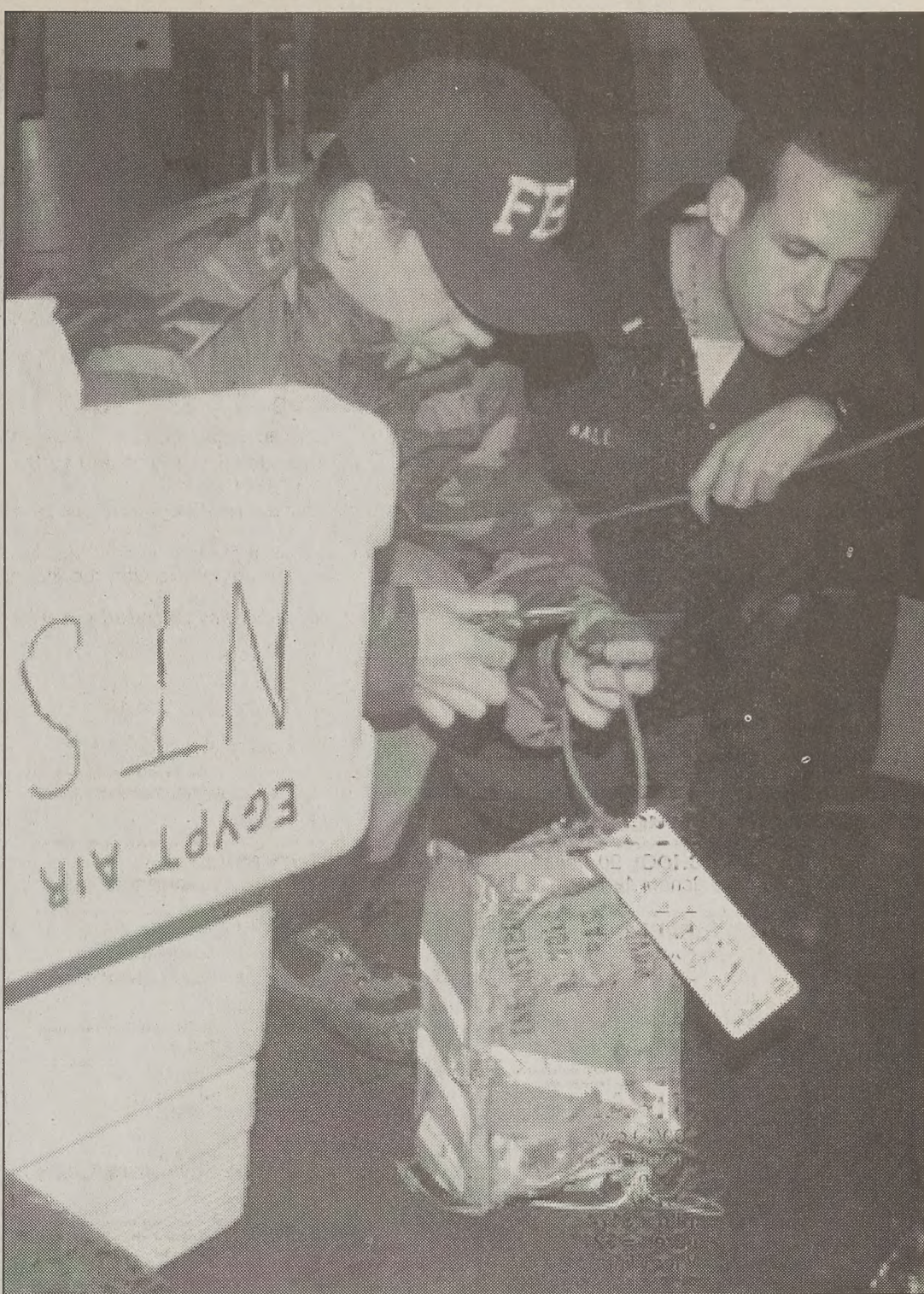
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Cockpit recorder doesn't solve mystery

Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Cockpit voice recordings from
EgyptAir Flight 990 show the pilot and co-pilot talking
"like pals" before something goes wrong and both men
desperately try to fix a problem, a source close to the
investigation said Sunday. Within minutes, the plane
crashed into the Atlantic.

"Something happens. Alarms go off. Both work to try to
fix it," the source said an initial review of the tape showed.
"There is some kind of problem that they're dealing with.
It gets progressively worse. And the tape stops."

In a statement Sunday night, National Transportation
Safety Board chairman James Hall said no conclusions
could be drawn from the initial review of the tape. The
recorder was found to be in good condition and it provided
about 31 1/2 minutes of data, he said.

The source said that, based on the initial review, the first
28 minutes of the voice recordings shows nothing unusual
and only routine conversations. The emergency aboard the
jetliner apparently occurred just after that point.

The preliminary analysis of the tape also provides no
apparent evidence of an intruder in the cockpit or of any
fighting among the crew, the source said.

The first review of the tape was conducted Sunday by
American and Egyptian officials, including representatives
from the FBI.

Hall said a Cockpit Voice Recorder Group, directed by
the NTSB and including representatives from Egypt, the
Federal Aviation Administration, Boeing Aircraft and Pratt
& Whitney Engines, would meet Monday to begin a thor-
ough review of the recorder.

After a two-week search, the recorder was found
Saturday night by a remote-operated robot, and on Sunday
it was delivered to National Transportation Safety Board
headquarters in Washington.

The New York-to-Cairo jetliner crashed off
Massachusetts' Nantucket Island on Oct. 31, killing all
217 people aboard.

Preliminary data from the plane's flight data recorder
showed that the Boeing 767's autopilot was switched off
and the plane was put into a dive so steep and fast that
passengers would briefly have felt weightless. And both
engines were shut off before the aircraft climbed briefly
out of its dive and then turned and dropped into the ocean.

Bary Schiff, a former TWA 767 pilot from Los Angeles
and currently an aviation accident investigator, has said
the data shows that some human factor was responsible
rather than some system failure.

The cockpit voice recorder was found amid the plane's
debris by Deep Drone, a remote-controlled robot, a day
before bad weather in the search area threatened to halt the
search again.

The recorder, which was bent on one side, was found not
far from where investigators detected the pinging signal
from its sonar locator beacon, which had become detached
from the recorder.

The head of the FBI's Boston office, Barry Mawn, said
more than 250 FBI agents had conducted several hundred
interviews related to the crash, but that there was no evi-
dence yet that a crime had been committed.

However, if it becomes apparent that a crime occurred,
Mawn said, the FBI would take over as the lead agency in
the crash investigation.

Board of Regents commits to 9 goals

By **ANNIE GARDNER**
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After two days of speeches, presen-
tations and lengthy discussions, the
Utah Board of Regents put the finish-
ing touches on a list of commitments
that will carry Utah's colleges and
universities into the next millennium.

The Utah System of Higher
Education Board of Regents met
Thursday and Friday at UVSC to
finalize a set of nine commitments to
higher education. Dubbed "Master
Plan 2000," the commitments are a
collaborative effort from Utah's nine
public colleges and universities to
improve student opportunities, devel-
op funding for programs and increase
the competitiveness of Utah schools.

Funding was a major item on the
Board's agenda. According to Master
Plan 2000, state funding for higher

education in Utah is at a historic low,
down 18 percent over the past 19
years.

Cecelia H. Foxley, Commissioner
and CEO of the Board, said that in
lieu paying interest on federal loans,
money has been taken away from
education and put into transportation,
specifically the revamping of I-15.

Foxley said that if public education
isn't improved, Utah will not be a
competitive state. She said that
decreased competitiveness could lead
to economic downfall for the state.

Not surprising, Master Plan 2000
has a complete budget plan to accom-
modate the commitments made by the
Board. The budget for short-term
goals is nearly \$11 million. Money
allotted for long-term (10 year) goals
is almost \$89 million.

The commitments for Master Plan
2000 include expanding access to
higher education, increasing accounta-

bility for performance, using
resources efficiently, funding quality
improvements, expanding opportuni-
ties for Applied Technology
Education, collaborating with public
K-12 education, promoting economic
development through university
research and technology transfer,
refining institutional missions to
respond to citizens' needs and making
long-term educational improvements.

The Board justified the budget
needs by saying that all Utahns, not
just students, benefit from the pro-
grams and services of the state's high-
er education system.

According to Master Plan 2000,
researchers at the University of Utah
bring more than \$300 million of out-
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and that 1900 Utah businesses benefi-
t from programs provided by
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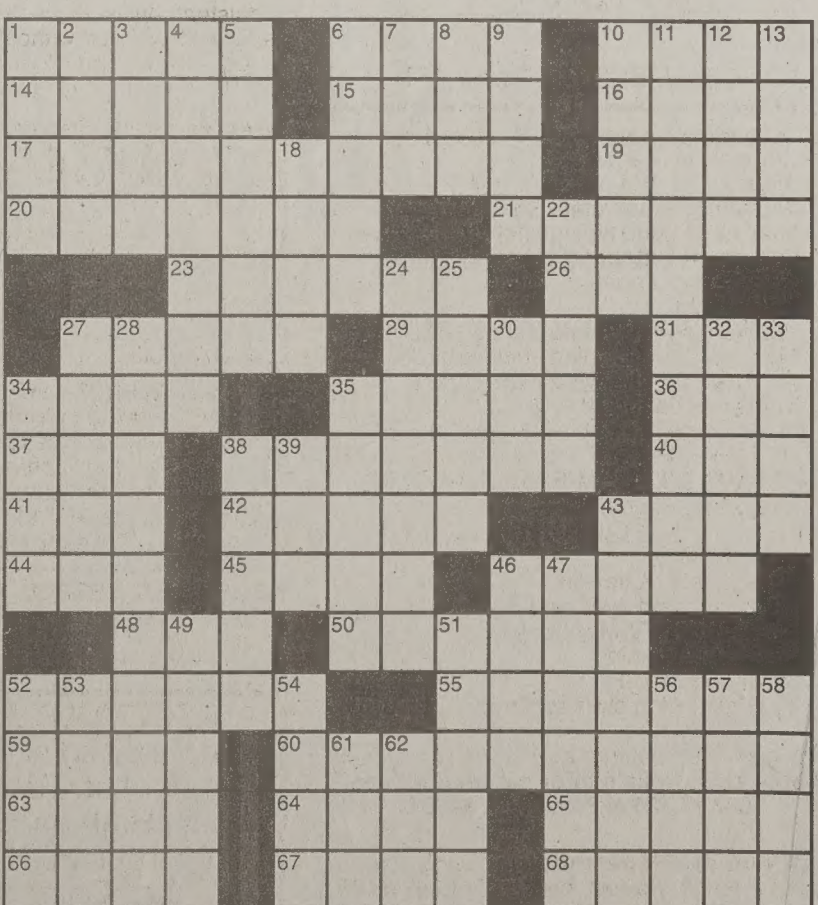
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3:00 p.m. Liberty P. Sprout
Senior, European Studies
Hiding Under a Bushel.

3:30 p.m. Patrick Debenham
Professor of Modern Dance and Music Theatre
*A Personal point of View from a Choreographer, Director
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Wednesday, November 17, 1999

9:30 a.m. Dr. Susan Easton Black
Professor of Church History and Doctrine
From the Library to the Gallery

10:00 a.m. Jennifer Lane
History, part-time Faculty
*Devotional Imagery's Distant Mirror: LDS and
Late Medieval Comparisons and Contrasts*

10:30 a.m. Susan Hampshire
Undergraduate, Comparative Literature
*"Seeing Through the Glass Darkly": Discerning Art
Through the Restored Gospel.*

11:00 a.m. Chris Deaver
Undergraduate, Illustration Major
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11:30 a.m. John M. Cline
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Students to scream over being smoke free

By SHERALYN BOLE
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NewsNet Staff Writer

More than 400 students from Timpanogos Elementary School and Orem Junior High will be able to show off their healthy, smoke-free lungs by screaming as loud as they can during the Great American Smoke Scream next Thursday.

The purpose of the scream, developed by the American Cancer Society, is to educate children about the health risks of tobacco and reduce the number of Americans who die prematurely each year from smoking, said ACS member Tara Avena.

"We want to get rid of the misconception that smoking makes you cool or more adult," Avena said.

According to the ACS, 70 percent of Utah smokers start smoking before age 17, and 90 percent start before age 19.

Eight thousand Utah teenagers start smoking each year.

Volunteers from BYU worked with the ACS to plan the smoke-scream assemblies for Timpanogos Elementary and Orem Junior High.

Students at the two schools will participate in tobacco-free activities throughout the week prior to Thursday's scream.

Students will compete in activities that require strong lungs such as bubble-blowing contests, ping-pong blowing games and jump-rope contests.

They will also make posters featuring things they can do besides smoke.

"We want the students to see that staying away from cigarettes is a neat thing to do and they don't need to succumb to peer pressure," said Jennifer Row, sixth-grade teacher at Timpanogos Elementary.

The winners will be awarded by BYU football players with t-shirts, footballs, coupons and water bottles during the smoke-scream assembly.

Gordon Lindsay, head of BYU's Health Science Department and member of the Tobacco Free Utah Coalition, will speak to Timpanogos Elementary students prior to the smoke scream. The BYU Cougarettes will perform at Orem Junior High and UVSC cheerleaders will perform at Timpanogos.

The purpose of the assemblies and activities is to make the students realize they can have a good time without cigarettes, said John Patten, Orem Junior High Principal.

"There are so many healthy, enjoyable activities available, and we want them to associate having a good time with staying away from cigarettes," he said.

Patten said smoking is not a major problem at the school, but some students have been caught smoking on campus.

"We're not blind that these kids are exposed to second-hand smoke at home and peer pressure from their friends," he said.

The smoke scream was developed three years ago and is on the third Thursday of November at schools across the country.



Remains of home

A young Turkish man sits on the rubble of his ruined home, staring at a bouquet of plastic flowers. An earthquake struck the town of Duzce Saturday. This earthquake, the second

major quake to hit Turkey in the last three months, killed and wounded hundreds of people and destroyed property in a country that is still recovering from the last catastrophe.

Microsoft welcomes innovation, says Gates

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates declared Sunday that his company encourages innovation in the high-tech industry, offering a public counterpoint to a judge's finding that Microsoft uses its monopoly power to crush competition.

In his biggest public presentation since the Nov. 5 court ruling, Gates unveiled technology initiatives that offer new ways to access the Web and take computing well beyond the personal computer.

Gates did not directly mention the government's antitrust case in his presentation. However, he said he has heard from many Microsoft supporters.

"I want you to know I appreciate the people who sent letters and e-mail in the last week," he said.

The sentiment in correspondence was in favor of Microsoft "doing more innovation in Windows," he said in a keynote speech to thousands of attendees at the giant annual Comdex computer show.

Gates showed a prototype of a small computer, code-named Mariner, that lets people browse the Web, plot out calendars and exchange e-mail. The computer, known as an MSN-based Web companion, will run on Microsoft's Windows CE operating system and be sold by middle of next year by companies including Acer, Philips Electronics and Thomson Consumer Electronics.

The device, which may include a keyboard and jump users directly to Microsoft's MSN site, is expected to be given away to people who agree to

sign up for Internet access. The gadgets are larger than so-called Palm-sized PCs, which also use Windows CE but don't offer keyboards or full-fledged Web service.

Gates also showed how Microsoft, working with Web site operators, is pursuing new types of services the company says will make people's lives easier. One such service he illustrated would work in tandem with satellites to give car drivers access to the Web and help direct them to attractive roadside spots, such as the lowest-priced gas station along a given route.

tame its aggressive practices. Other possible remedies include close supervision of Microsoft's actions or forcing Microsoft to publish the source code to Windows, putting creators of Windows applications on an equal footing with Microsoft.



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— Bill Gates,
Microsoft Corp. chairman

Gates also stressed Microsoft's support for a new Internet programming language, XML, that enables information to be easily exchanged between a wide variety of networked computers. XML is expected to give Web users new

freedom to find and retrieve information.

He also showed how a group of five powerful Windows-based computers can handle a busy Web site, with 5 million page views a day, at lower cost and higher reliability than non-Windows machines.

The remarks come in the wake of Microsoft's stinging setback in court. U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Jackson handed state and federal prosecutors a big victory when he found for the government on most points, agreeing that Microsoft was a bullying high-tech monopolist whose actions had squelched the march of innovation.

Jackson's finding have intensified speculation that Microsoft could be broken up into smaller companies to

China, U.S. lock horns in trade deal

Associated Press

BEIJING — American and Chinese negotiators met for a sixth day of talks Monday, trying to clinch a deal that would help clear the way for Beijing's entry into the World Trade Organization. There was no word of progress from either side.

Amid Chinese admonishments that they were bargaining too hard, U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky went three times to China's foreign trade ministry for meetings, including at least one with foreign trade minister Shi Guangsheng, U.S. Embassy spokesmen said.

The U.S. team is pushing China to open its relatively closed but enticing markets to American products and services. An agreement would remove a major hurdle in China's 13-year bid to join the world trade's rule-making body.

To become a member of the Geneva-based WTO, China needs agreements with key trading partners, particularly the United States and the European Union.

As part of a deal, the United States wants China to open its telecommunications and financial services sectors. Washington also is demanding that China submit to quotas on textile shipments and anti-dumping meas-

ures to prevent surges in low-cost exports.

Speaking to reporters Sunday aboard Air Force One, President Clinton said of the talks: "it is impossible to predict the outcome. They're still there and they're still talking."

Some Chinese officials complain that the United States is making too many demands. Lu Ruihua, governor

"It is impossible to predict the outcome."

— President Bill Clinton

of the economically powerful southern province of Guangdong, said the sooner China joins the WTO, the better - but only if the terms are right.

"If the conditions required of China are fair, it would be good for Guangdong. If it's not, I would rather be admitted into WTO later," Lu said in an interview with foreign reporters. "At the moment, the crucial issue is the attitude of the United States, not ours. They have too big a list of requests."

The official China Daily newspaper

also quoted analysts as saying the United States "was setting too high a price."

Time is pressing because at month's end the 135-member WTO will discuss launching new global trade liberalization talks. If those talks are successful, trade ministers could be too busy negotiating to take up Beijing's entry for several years, and China would have no say over the new rules.

The U.S. team delayed plans to leave Sunday as the negotiations, which started Wednesday, wore on. Neither side gave details about the talks.

"There's nothing to report. We're still talking," Tom Tripp, Barshefsky's spokesman, said at the start of the day.

WTO membership will bring benefits and drawbacks to China. Opening the door to greater foreign competition would force inefficient Chinese industries to adopt reforms that the government has been pushing for.

U.S. and other non-Chinese firms would be able to sell products and services directly to Chinese consumers, giving them greater choice at cheaper prices.

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